

UNION, EMPLOYERS DEADLOCK, MERCANTILE CONTRACT EXPIRES

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DEATH CAR: One occupant died and one is in "fair" condition following a collision at East Road and Normandie Tuesday night. A car, driven by a sailor allegedly ran through a street sign and plowed into this car at an apparently fast rate of speed. The sailor is being held to answer manslaughter charges.

Bulldozer Tears Gas Line; Operator Escapes Inferno



—Press Photo

'Shopping District Lags In Progress' ... Loranger

Indications came from the Chamber of Commerce this week that attempts will be made to solve the problems of the Torrance shopping area. Torrance's shopping needs finally received some serious consideration when Paul Loranger, newly installed president of the Chamber of Commerce, dwelt at length on the problems and possible solutions of the local shopping area in an address made to 400 leading citizens at the annual installation banquet held Thursday in the Civic Auditorium.

The major part of the text follows:
Shopping Needs
"The growth Torrance has experienced in industry and housing has not been equalled by development in retail merchandising resulting not only in a loss of business revenue to our merchants but also in a loss in property and sales tax—money that is sorely needed to keep our various facilities adequate to handle our continued growth. This is very evident when we study our

SCHOOLS GET \$98,473 FROM GOVERNMENT

Torrance Unified School District received \$98,473.47 for operating expenses for the fiscal year 1953 from the federal government under public law 874. It was announced this week. The figure was over \$23,000 more than the budget estimate of \$75,000. This money is made available through the cooperation of children, teachers, and residents to prove the school district with employment information. The schools can claim additional money when proof can be shown that parents are working for corporations having federal contracts.

Management, Labor Await Next Move

Negotiations between Retail Clerks Local 905 and the employers came to a standstill this week as the mercantile agreement expired Tuesday, February 2, and a meeting arranged at the request of the union for last Friday, January 29, was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. With no contract in force, union and employers are operating on a purely voluntary basis at present. The dead-lock has been occasioned by an unwillingness on the part of the employers to grant a 12 1/2 cent an hour increase demanded by the union and the union's unwillingness to accept anything short of such an increase. In the meantime each side seemed to think that it was up to the other side to act. Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, indicated

Will Torrance Ignore Anti-Rabies Issue?

In response to hundreds of inquiries from Torrance residents as to what the city of Torrance is going to do about a compulsory dog vaccination law, the Torrance Press proceeded to interview leading citizens to determine their stand in the matter.

Residents interviewed expressed almost unanimous agreement in favor of compulsory vaccination. The compulsory anti-rabies vaccination law for dogs, recently enacted in the city of Los Angeles, poses the question whether the city of Torrance will enact similar legislation.

The law will be in effect in the Shoestring Strip which is part of the city of Los Angeles right next to Torrance. The Press invites opinions from its readers. Please feel free to write us what you think. This is what leading Torrance residents have to say:

REV. ARTHUR E. BELLO: "I would feel it should be compulsory on the basis that it would not harm the dogs. We like our dog vaccinated. It didn't even bother him. Better that a dog dies than that a child dies."

MRS. HARTLEY E. CARR, president of Torrance Council PTA: "The initiative should be taken by the community. We'll cooperate. The PTA will back such an ordinance."

FATHER PATRICK McGUINNESS: "I'd rather not be quoted on that... it's out of my sphere... haven't given any thought to the matter."

STAN ROBERTS: "In favor... for simple reason that kids are vaccinated, so why shouldn't our animals be?"

DR. GERALD EASTHAM: "I'd be a 100 per cent in favor of that."

K. M. McDONALD of K. M. Kennels: "Don't think much of it. Mostly dogs get rabies that run the streets. They don't get it when properly taken care of... more dogs are injured... than benefited."

DR. J. H. HULL: "If I had a dog I'd have him vaccinated. I think people are so much more

Seek Dog Which Bit Young Boy

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of a white spots, half bulldog, half boxer, please call the Health Department, FA. 8-3310 or Mrs. C. Colby, ME. 4-1794 immediately!

Bitten by this dog, January 28, was Kenny Colby, of 3756 W. 174th street while riding his bicycle near 180th street and Ainsworth.

The stray dog disappeared shortly after biting the boy, and the dog's whereabouts is a matter of great concern to the Health Department. Although Kenny has been given tetanus shots, the dog should be tested for rabies.

Mayor Gets Best Citizen Nomination

A standing ovation greeted Mayor Mervin M. Schwab when he was pronounced recipient of the "Outstanding Torrance Citizen" trophy before a capacity crowd attending the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner held in the Civic Auditorium last week.

The high honor was bestowed upon the mayor for his untiring efforts on behalf of Torrance. The winning nomination came from Lloyd Peterson, Dick Felker, B. Buxton, Abe Robinson,

Opportunity Days Knock At Your Door

This will be one week-end when opportunity will knock not once, not twice, but three times for every resident in Torrance. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be Opportunity Days in the Torrance shopping area. Coupons, which may be found on page 6 of The Torrance Press, are all worth money on items advertised as indicated, promising town-wide savings for local residents.

In order to buy merchandise at prices indicated, it is necessary to bring the coupons to the stores offering these special sales. Stores will be open Friday night in addition to the regular daily store hours.

The following merchants are participating: Roth's Market, Torrance Furniture, Newberry's, Gay Shop, National Home Appliance, Kales, Torrance Hardware, Bernard's, Neta's Tots and Teens, Frank's Furniture, Allen Jewelers, McMahan's, Torrance Bootery, Baker's Furniture, Burke's Bargain Spot, Jim Dandy Market.

WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

A 27-year-old woman died a few hours after a collision which sent cars and bodies sprawling across the road at East Road and Normandie Tuesday night, according to police reports.

Dead early Wednesday morning about nine hours after the accident took place was Mrs. Verona Bolner, of 908 Del Amo, Torrance.

Arrested for drunk driving by Los Angeles police and held to answer manslaughter charges is Sailor Donald Farris, 20, driver of the westbound car which allegedly ran through a stop sign on East Road at an apparently high rate of speed.

Water Tax, Zone OK'd

Approval last week of the formation of a water conservation zone embracing most of the West Basin area means a five cents tax per \$100 assessed valuation for Torrance residents and the protection of the West Basin water supply which has been dwindling dangerously, it was reported this week.

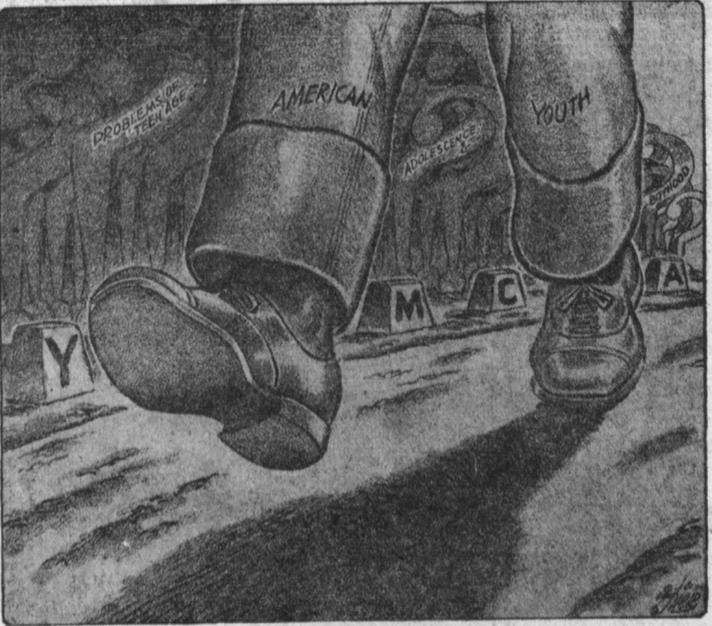
Formation of the zone was approved by the County Board of Supervisors at the first and final hearing last Friday, according to Carl Fossette, secretary of the West Basin Water Association.

The set-up which must be approved from year to year, will be effective July 1. It will provide water for continuation of the salt-water intrusion tests along Manhattan Beach as well as to test Hyperion water for possible injection into the barrier.

Included in the zone are Torrance, Dominguez, Keystone, Palos Verdes, Lomita, Gardena, the South Bay Cities, Inglewood, and adjacent areas.



COMPLICATIONS... Somebody always has to spoil things. Spoiling things for Lynn Lorenz and Bob Hopkins, the romantic leads in "Arsenic and Old Lace" are Larry Radicky ("Einstein") and Joe Lafferty ("Jonathan"), in full view, who are the villains in the play. The Torrance High School senior play is scheduled for Saturday, February 6.



Support Your YMCA EDITORIAL

By EDDIE RAPHAEL, Guest Editor

For the past several months we have heard and read much about bad boys. Publicity has been widespread about "RAT PACKS," narcotics, and killings. All too little has been said about the good among our boys, and the people who are doing a wonderful, but thankless job in combating these over publicized hoodlums. These people cannot continue to do their excellent job unless we of the community come to their aid with money, and an active interest in the working of our YMCA.

The Torrance YMCA is deserving of our support. Everything good we do for youth in our community will make this city a better place in which to live. The YMCA funds given by the citizens of this area will be used in their entirety for our community. The encouragement given our boys and girls, that adults are concerned about the organizations that youth belong to, is important. This encouragement comes in very plain terms when we help the YMCA raise its campaign goal of \$12,500 on which it will operate in 1954. The YMCA is seeking to grow along with the tremendous growth of Torrance and can do so only if we all put ourselves to the task of raising the support of one of our youth organizations, the YMCA. This campaign is vital. The "Y" must have enough money to go forward, and expand its program. This cannot be done unless the whole community helps. Please give, and give generously... the need is great.

The Fence That Made Headlines

What is so rare as a chain link fence for sale in the classified section of the Torrance Press? Yet what is so common as constant results through the classified section of the Torrance Press?

Mrs. Dean Sheppard, of 23022 South Berendo, sold her chain link fence by 10 o'clock on the morning The Torrance Press appeared carrying the following ad:

FOR SALE — Approximately 100 SF chain link fence, plus four 6-ft. wide gates, \$40. 23022 S. Berendo, Torrance DA. 6-0635

Whether you want to sell a Gloop, or buy a Wump, or rent a Chickna-Lickna... you'll find that no problem is so unusual that you can't get immediate results through the Torrance Press classified section.

Fire Rages Four Hours

An operator of a heavy bulldozer got away miraculously unharmed when a main gas line, which had been torn open by the machine, stalled about a minute before turning into a blazing inferno whose 100-foot tongue licked the air for four scorching hours at 174th st. and Hawthorne blvd. Tuesday.

Wyman Wickersham, operator of the bulldozer, was grading the area as part of the new 174th St. improvement project, when his machine hit a stub which marked the location of the gas pipe but which stuck up too high, it was disclosed, Wickersham dashed from the scene instantly and was hardly a safe distance away when he heard a gigantic hissing noise



—Press Photo

CHARTERED... Boy Scout Troop No. 219, sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, received its charter for the coming year at the Moose Hall lodge last week. Dr. H. Wood, Harbor Area Boy Scout chairman and past Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club (left) presented the charter to J. B. Scotton, president of the Kiwanis Club. Scotton, in turn, presented the charter to E. Swift, scoutmaster, and his committee.